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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

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For:

PROTESS FOR SILVER PLATING IN PRINTED  
CIRCUIT BOARD MANUFACTURE

BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

1. Continuation Patent Application Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)
2. Copy of Power of Attorney from prior application
2. Return Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)



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Sir:

This is a request for a continuation patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of application Serial No. 08/932,392, filed on September 17, 1997, entitled PROCESS FOR SILVER PLATING IN PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD MANUFACTURE

1. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
2. ☒ Specification (28 Pages); Claims (4 Pages), Abstract (1 Page), Drawing (Fig. 1)
3. ☒ (1) Sheet of Drawings (Figs. 1) ☒ Formal ☐ Informal
4. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☒ Copy from prior application; ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
☐ a. PTO-1449  
☐ b. Copies of References Cited
6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This application is a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b)(1) of Serial No. 08/932,392, filed September 17, 1997, incorporated herein by reference.

08/932,392

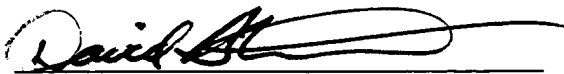
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**CLAIMS AS FILED**

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Total Claims:	18	- 20 = 0	x	\$18.00 =	\$ 00.00
Independent:	2	- 3 = 0	x	\$78.00 =	\$ 00.00
Multiple Dependent:			+	\$ =	\$ 00.00
Basic Fee:					\$760.00
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8. ☐ Small entity status:
- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
  - b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
  - c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.
9. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0311.
- a. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16.
  - b. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.
  - c. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18.
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
11. ☒ Other: Copy of Assignment from parent application
12. ☐ New correspondence address:
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